GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INSURGENT TRAINING CAMPS IN BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given a fresh list of insurgent training camps and fugitive insurgents leader in Bangladesh to Government of Bangladesh during the visit of Union Home Secretary to Dhaka in September, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof and response of the Bangladesh thereto; and

(c) the effective steps taken by the Government to check insurgency?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b): A list indicating camps of Indian Insurgent Groups (IIGs) in Bangladesh territory had been handed over to the Bangladesh side during the Border Security Force (BSF) - Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) meeting held in April 2004. This issue was reiterated in the Home Secretary Level talks held in September 2004 at Dhaka. The Government of Bangladesh has continued to reaffirm its policy of not permitting IIGs to use Bangladesh territory for activities inimical to the interests of friendly country like India. Both sides agreed to work on security issues closely.

(c): The Government has taken various steps to control the insurgency in North Eastern States. These include, inter alia, deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the States, coordinated action by Army, Para Military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, declaration of `disturbed area` under the Armed Forces (special Powers) Act, 1958, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the state Government and modernization/up-gradation of State Police Forces. Regular review of the situation both at state and Central Government level is also being made. The Government has also given an open offer to militant groups to abjure the path of violence and seek peaceful solution of their demands within the framework of constitution of India.